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DEPARTMENT: PASS MINIMIZE POSTS AS APPROPRIATE

1. IN REJECTING DRAFT EC-9 DEMARCHE TO ARABS (REFTEL A), GOF
CONTINUING TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT AGGRAVATE OAPEC SUPPLIERS.
GOF APPEARS TO REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT INFORMAL SOLUTION CAN BE REACHED
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WITH ARABS TO EASE OIL EMBARGOS (REFTELS B AND C), ALTHOUGH WE NOT

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INFORMED OF ANY SPECIFIC FRENCH DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO THAT END.
WE BELIEVE THAT GOF RECOGNIZES THAT ITS ADVOCACY OF EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS' STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 6 HAS PUT IT UNDER SOME
OBLIGATION TO ATTEMPT EASE SUPPLY SITUATION OF BOYCOTTED COUNTRIES (IN

THIS RESPECT, RECENT FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWED 65 PERCENT OF
FRENCH WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP DUTCH EVEN AT COME COST TO SELVES).

GOF EXPECTS OIL COMPANIES TO ASSUME BURDEN OF MEETING DUTCH AND OTHERS'
SHORT TERM NEEDS THROUGH INFORMAL MECHANISMS, WHILE CONTINUING TO
FAVOR QUIET, BEHIND SCENES EFFORTS TO RELAX SUPPLY CURBS. IF
THIS APPROACH DOES NOT PRODUCE RESULTS IN NEXT WEEKS, HOWEVER, GOF
MAY BE PUT ON SPOT WITH ITS EC PARTNERS.

2. GOF HAS CONTINUED TO TAKE STEPS DOMESTICALLY TO PREPARE FOR
POSSIBILITY OF OIL SHORTAGES. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAVE CONTINUED
TO EMPHASIZE THAT CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES REMAIN UNAFFECTED AND THAT
STOCKS UNTOUCHED, WHILE AT SAME TIME URGING POPULACE TO AVOID
WASTEFUL USE OF ENERGY IN INTEREST OF CONSERVING AVAILABLE SUPPLIES
OVER LONG TERM. FUEL OIL SUPPLY PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED
BY INDEPENDENT DEALERS (WHO HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION TONS
OF FUELS NORMALLY IMPORTED FROM EAST EUROPE) ARE BEING SPREAD BY
OBLIGING REFINERS TO SUPPLY 70 PERCENT OF INDEPENDENTS NEEDS (REFTEL
D PARA 3). COMMISSIONS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OIL REFINERS, AND
INDEPENDENTS BEING SET UP AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL TO MONITOR THIS
APPORTIONMENT SCHEME, GOF ALSO TIGHTENING ITS CONTROL OVER REFINER
IMPORTERS, WHO BEING REQUIRED TO FILE WEEKLY STATEMENTS OF SUPPLY
POSITIONS AND PROJECTIONS, AS WELL AS SCHEDULE OF SHIPS DECLARING
FOR FRENCH PORTS AND NOTICE OF THEIR ARRIVALS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUPPLIES ALLOCATED SO FAR BY U.S. MAJORS TO THEIR

FRENCH SUBSIDIARIES REMAIN SUBSTANTIALLY AT PRE-SEPTEMBER LEVEL,
ALTHOUGH LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES--WHO ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN GOF DEPANDS THAT
THEY MAINTAIN PREVIOUS LEVELS OF DELIVERIES AND PARENT COMPANIES
NEEDS-- ARE NERVOUS THAT THIS SITUATION CANNOT LAST MUCH LONGER. ELF
AND CFP HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED MINOR SUPPLY PROBLEMS. OCCIDENTAL, MARA-
THON, AND OSIS INFORMED ELF THIS WEEK THAT THEY UNABLE TO MEET COMMIT-
MENTS FOR DELIVERY LIBYAN CRUDE. DUE TO NEW PRODUCTION RESTRICTIONS

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AND THEIR PREVIOUS PARTIAL NATIONALIZATIONS, ALGERIANS HAVE ALSO
TOLD CFP AND ELF THAT THEIR LIFTINGS OF ALGERIAN CRUDE WOULD BE
REDUCED 25 PERCENT AND THAT THEY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT

LEVEL OF SUPPLIES TO FRANCE BY CUTTING BACK CRUDE SALES TO OTHER
CUSTOMERS (THIS MAY EVENTUALLY EFFECT THEIR REFINERY OPERATONS IN
ITALY AND GERMANY). IT THUS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO FRENCH

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PUBLIC AND GOF THAT FRANCE CANNOT REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY GENERAL
SUPPLY SHORTAGES OF PRESENT OR POSSIBLE FUTURE MAGNITUDE.
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